Indiana Criminal Justice Institute to participate in National Methamphetamine Awareness Day

[Indianapolis, IN.] – The United States Department of Justice announced earlier this month that it will sponsor National Methamphetamine Awareness Day (NMAD) on November 30, 2006. The goal of NMAD is to encourage awareness about the damaging effects of meth use on individuals, and their families.

The Indiana Criminal Justice Institute will join Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, on the DePauw University campus in Greencastle to present an awareness program for state, local and community leaders. The program will take place at 1 p.m. in the ballroom of the Memorial Student Union Building.

National Methamphetamine Awareness Day is a coordinated effort to reach potential meth users with a message of prevention, and to educate current users about the programs available to them. In order to increase the impact of this message, there are a number of agencies and individuals partnering with the United States Attorney's Office for the event at DePauw University, including: the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, the Office of Governor Mitch Daniels, the Drug Enforcement Administration, Meth Free Indiana Coalition, Governor's Commission for a Drug Free Indiana, Putnam County Sheriff's Department, the City of Greencastle and the Local Coordinating Councils across the state.

Education and public outreach are at the heart of the national drug control strategy, and National Methamphetamine Awareness Day will play an important role in highlighting the nationwide efforts to increase awareness and decrease demand of this highly addictive and dangerous drug.

For more information about National Methamphetamine Awareness Day and how to get involved in your community, contact Sonya Cleveland at the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute at (317) 232-1289.

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